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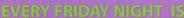
INDIANS vs. MINNESOTA TWINS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MEET THE PLAYERS, MANAGER, AND COACHING STAFF AT THE GATES

& KIDS FUN DAY...FAMILIES RUN THE BASES



LADIES NIGHT!



SUPER FIREWORKS SHOW!

EVERY SUNDAY IS

KIDS FUN DAY!

FACE

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ONE THROUGH NINE...Q & A WITH TRIBE MANAGER ERIC WEDGE

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Hello Tribe Fans!

As another Indians season nears its end, we look back on a wonderful year for the **INDIANS WIVES ASSOCIATION** and all the organizations we worked with and helped in some way.

Participating in events such as MS Walk, Providence House Luncheon, Run, Jane, Run, Grand Slam Literacy, and Race for the Cure Day. We had a great group of players and their families who generously gave of their time and energy to the needs of the Cleveland community, and it's made a difference.

Through your generous contributions in purchasing raffle tickets, the **Boys of Summer Backyard BBQ** was a huge hit surpassing last year's total in **raising over \$14,000**, which will be distributed amongst three deserving organizations in Northeast Ohio. **Jim Wright** of Strongsville was the big winner and enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun, and laughs with friends, family, Cleveland Indians players and coaching staff. We're looking forward to more events and opportunities for the remainder of this season and for years to come.

In closing, I want to share a country song entitled, *Letters From Home*, which inspired me to search online for direction on how to reach out to our American troops overseas who would dearly love to hear from someone, anyone, from home. It's heartwarming to know how easy it is to make someone smile! Please visit online at anysoldier.com and view actual posts from soldiers who would appreciate receiving mail and care packages from you. It would certainly make a difference in their lives and keep them smiling!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON.

GO TRIBE!

Kate Wedge

PS: Don't miss a fun Q&A about Eric and me on page 87

TRIBE SEASON SCHEDULE



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★ 7/24 vs. KC - Day/Night Doubleheader at 1:05

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PROMOTIONAL/SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPT 23

SEPT 3	ANA	Friday Night Ladies Night
SEPT 4	ANA	Fireworks Show
SEPT 5	ANA	Kids Fun Day
SEPT 14	DET	Country Music Night
SEPT 16	DET	College Night
SEPT 17	KC	Friday Night Ladies Night
SEPT 18	KC	Fireworks Show
SEPT 19	KC	Kids Fun Day • Kids Run The Bases ◆

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SEPT 24-26	MIN	Fan Appreciation Weekend
SEPT 24	MIN	Friday Night Ladies Night
SEPT 25	MIN	Fireworks Show
SEPT 26	MIN	Meet the Players, Manager and
		Coaching Staff at the gates

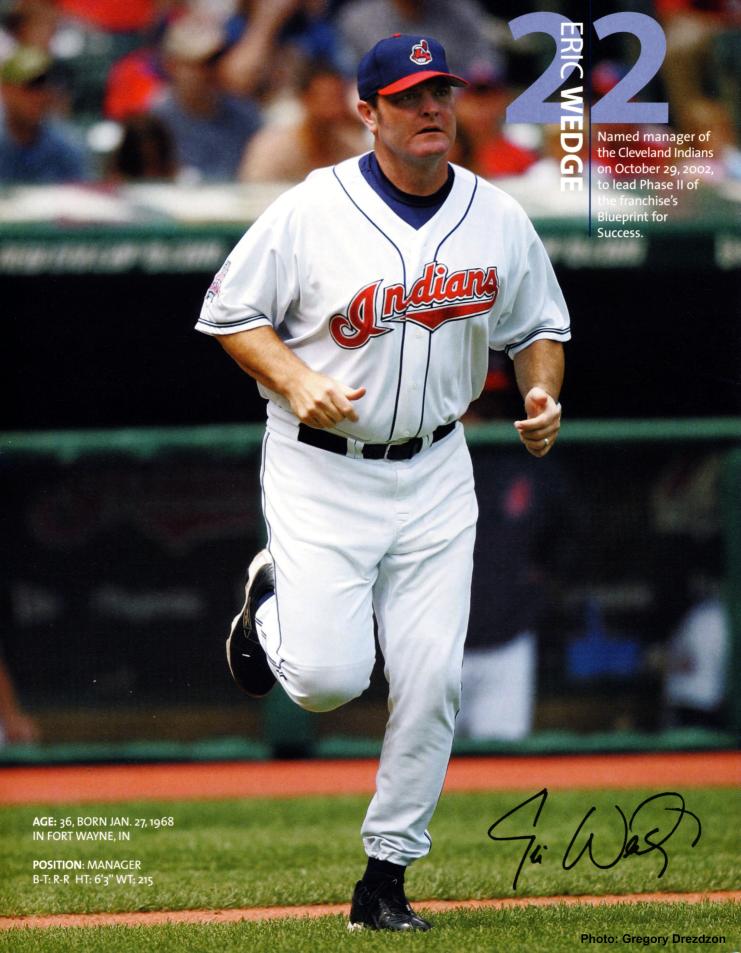
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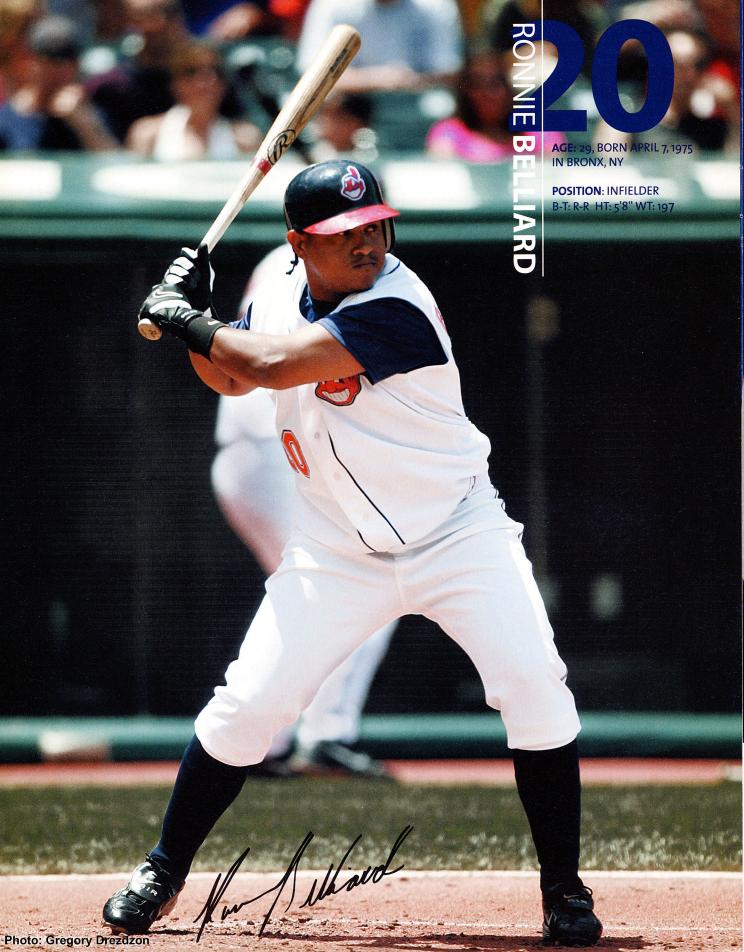
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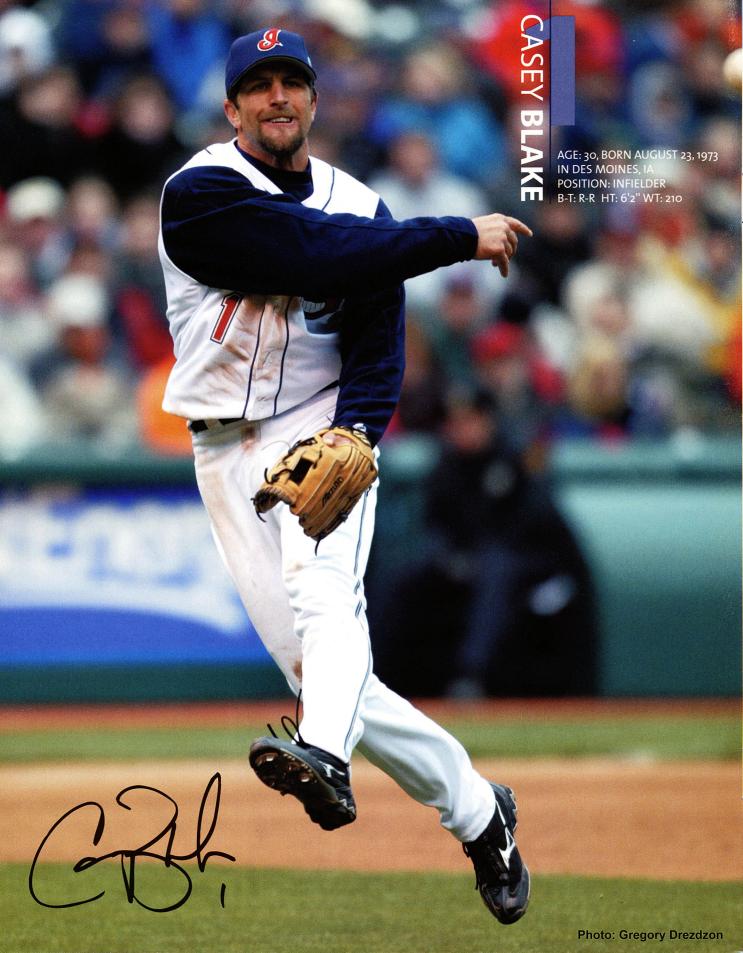
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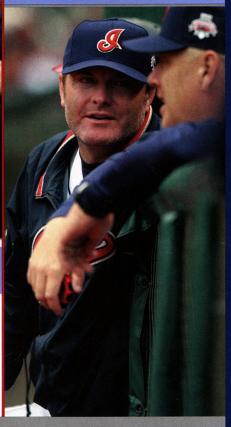
AT 36, ERIC WEDGE IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MANAGERS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES. He'S ALSO IN CHARGE OF ONE OF THE YOUNGEST TEAMS IN THE BIGS. YET WEDGE AND HIS INDIANS HAVE DEVELOPED A CHEMISTRY THAT HAS VAULTED THEM INTO CONTENTION IN THE AL CENTRAL. WE SAT DOWN WITH WEDGE TO DISCUSS THE '04 SEASON AND HIS LIFE ON AND OFF THE FIELD.

All photos: Gregory Drezdzon



AC: From the beginning, you've stressed a "one through nine" mentality with this team, and the players have really embraced it, haven't they?

EW: One through nine is a compliment to every guy we have in the lineup. It's a way of saying no one position is more important than the other. Coming into the season, we had a lot of good players who would develop into great players. That's what you need to build a championship.



By Anthony Castrovince



AC: What's the toughest part of your job?

EW: Well, it's not about me, it's about the players. And I live through every player. So the toughest part for me is wanting it so bad for a player and the team that watching them go through some of the things they have to go through to reach that pinnacle can be very tough. But, what gets me through it all is knowing our team will get there.



Your 2004 Indians All-Star Team

AC: This team had five All-Stars (Matt Lawton, Ronnie Belliard, Victor Martinez, C.C. Sabathia, and Jake Westbrook), which, frankly, shocked a lot of people. What did that mean to the organization?

EW: I think it should be a loud bang to the league to let people know that what we have here is real, it's

foundation-oriented and it's not going anywhere.

AC: Let's throw out a few names of the younger players and have you give your assessment of that guy's

> advancement. First off, Victor Martinez, who has been a strong piece of the offense.

EW: We've had high expectations for him, but he has exceeded them for this year. We believe in him as an allaround player, a guy who helps define what the Indians are about, personality-wise.

AC: Travis Hafner has had a breakout season.

EW: Breakout season. He's had mental toughness, and he continues to develop a great feel for his swing.



AC: C.C. Sabathia has battled through some injury problems.

EW: C.C. was a rock for us early on. He had some tweaks with his arm he had to fight through. That threw him off his



routine. But he's the guy we lean on and count on every fifth day.

AC: Cliff Lee surprised a lot of people with his 10-1 start to the season.

the way we expect him to throw the ball. He hit a bump in the road that he had to handle, but he's been strong. One of the bigger challenges for all of our young people is to be able to handle the downsides of the season and come out of it as quick as possible.

AC: Jake Westbrook worked his way into the rotation and became an All-Star.

EW: He's probably been the biggest surprise, for lack of a better word. We had him in the bullpen, he got a chance to start early and he's just taken off from there. He's been as consistent as any starter we've had.



All photos: Gregory Drezdzon

AC: A lot of fans were looking forward to the debut of Grady Sizemore, and he hasn't disappointed.

EW: He's an old-school guy. He prepares the way he's supposed to.

One of the reasons he's been successful is he's an even-keel guy. I love that. He doesn't let anything bother him.

AC: When Milton Bradley was traded, that was seen as a move that would hinder the offense. Yet this team

went on to become one of the Majors' most potent offensive threats. Was that a surprise to you?

EW: We knew we had guys who could hit. One of the most important things we could do is make sure these guys believe in themselves, and make sure they can prepare and be focused on a daily basis. If they weren't prepared and focused, there's no way they could be doing what they're doing now.

AC: Given all the bullpen troubles early in the season, how much of a spark did the return of Bob Wickman add to this team?

EW: The bullpen starts with the closer, and you can see the difference with Wicky being in there and having that force in the back of the bullpen. It just allows everybody to settle into a role that allows them to succeed.



AC: Was it difficult to endure all those blown saves early on?

EW: One of the things the players did a great job at was that they all stuck together. They never pointed fingers. They were very consistent from day to day and were great teammates to one another. They kept picking each other up. If anything, they became mentally stronger as a result.

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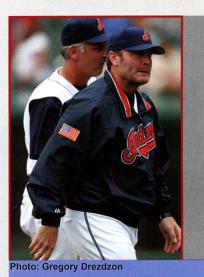


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AC: Let's shift things and talk a little about you. What important lessons did you learn in the 2003 season?

EW: I have tremendous respect for the game, and I think what everybody has to realize is that in order to get



where you want to in this game and for it to be real, you have to give it time. You have to have faith in the people we have, and let it play out.

AC: You're a young guy, and you work with a lot of young players. Does that affect – either positively or negatively – your ability to instruct them?

EW: I believe you can have the best of both worlds. You don't have to be a tough guy to get your point across and be everybody's friend to have them enjoy being around you. You can have it both ways. You try to be firm and fair and be consistent on a daily basis.

AC: Is it difficult for a young manager in this league to earn respect from other players, managers and umpires?

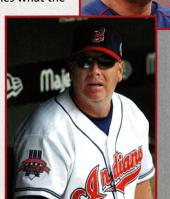
EW: I don't worry about that. Respect goes both ways with my staff and players. As far as the rest of the league, if they respect me, great. If not, that'll come with time.



AC: How has having Buddy Bell by your side worked in your favor?

EW: I can't say enough about what Buddy's meant to me and to the organization in the short time he's been here. He exemplifies what the

game should be about and is about. He's done everything when it comes to playing, managing, and coaching in the Major Leagues and the minor leagues. I could have never found somebody more valuable to me in terms of starting out my career as a manager.



Photos: Gregory Drezdzon

AC: How do you know when to push a guy hard and when to back off?

EW: To be effective, you've got to develop a *feel* for each situation. That's why it's called a manager and not a head coach in this game. You have to deal with so many personalities on a daily basis that you've got to do the best job you can of knowing when to say something and when not to say something.

AC: How do you wind down after a game?

EW: I've never been the best at really winding down, but I try to do that when I get home by watching a classic movie or something like that. I'm at the ballpark late and get back early.

AC: How does your wife Kate handle that?

EW: She's been great. She's everything to me. There's nothing more important. She's smart, intelligent and strong. She's been there for me, and I try to be there

for her. Everything she does has a positive effect. AC: You and Kate are pretty active in the community. What inspires you to be that way?

EW: It's important for Kate and I, and it's important for our players to give back to the community, be it through time or anything else. Kate's really the one who heads that up in terms of her and I, and I just follow her lead. She's so busy in the community with her time and the things

she gets involved with. She's already had an impact on Cleveland – more than people know.



Kate and Eric Wedge support Indians Summer Literacy program by reading to children at Parma's Cuyahoga County Public Library.

AC: Is there a particular charitable organization you are most passionate about?

EW: I'm most passionate about the work of The Providence House. We've spent some time over there and try to get involved. It's just an unfortunate situation that young kids – newborn to 5-years-old – get into, through no fault of their own. They need people to help them.



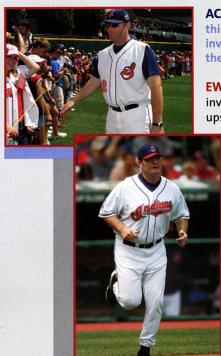
Field Day 'o4...Eric Wedge "chats" with Indians Season Ticket Holders during an exclusive event at Jacobs Field.

Photo: Gregory Drezdzon

AC: You've given speeches to disadvantaged and troubled teens in the past. It must feel good to have a chance to make a difference in their lives.

EW: Sometimes the best I feel is after I talk to a

group of kids. You've got to know who you're speaking to. You try to make an impact. Even if you can get to one – I don't care if there're 100 people in the room or 1,000 people in the room – if you reach one and make an impact, it's worth your time, 10 times over.



Photos: Gregory Drezdzon

AC: What sort of things are you involved with in the off-season?

EW: I'm still very involved here. I'm upstairs a lot more

with (general manager) Mark (Shapiro). I keep myself in the loop daily. I'm probably more involved than most managers. Other than that, I just try to have some downtime and spend more time with Kate.

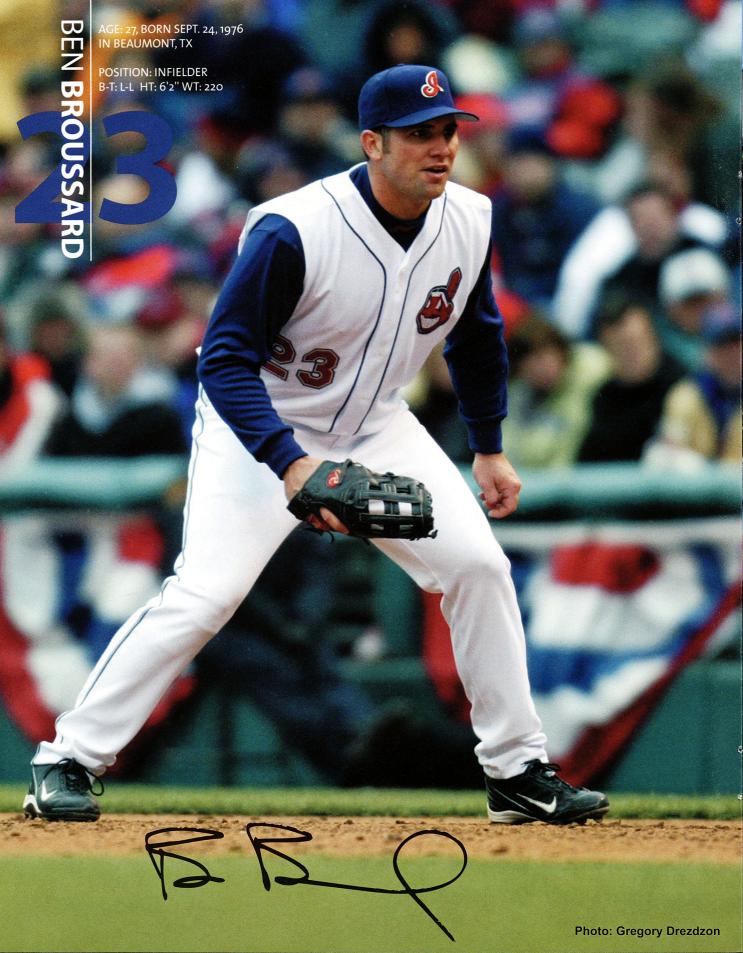
AC: Do you think you and Mark have a better working relationship than most GMs and managers?

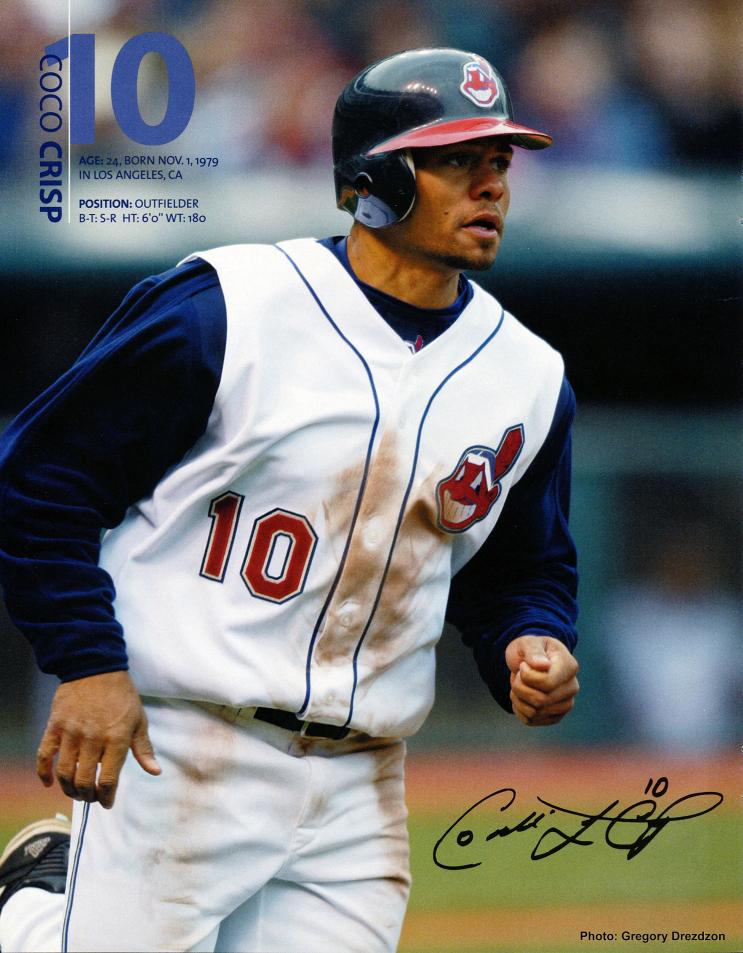
EW: We have a great working relationship, we've got mutual respect, we're on the same page, we're both very passionate and we're open and honest with each other. We can argue, we can debate, we can agree or disagree, but we try to come out with the best decision for this organization.

AC: One last question: Do you really like being called "Wedgie?"

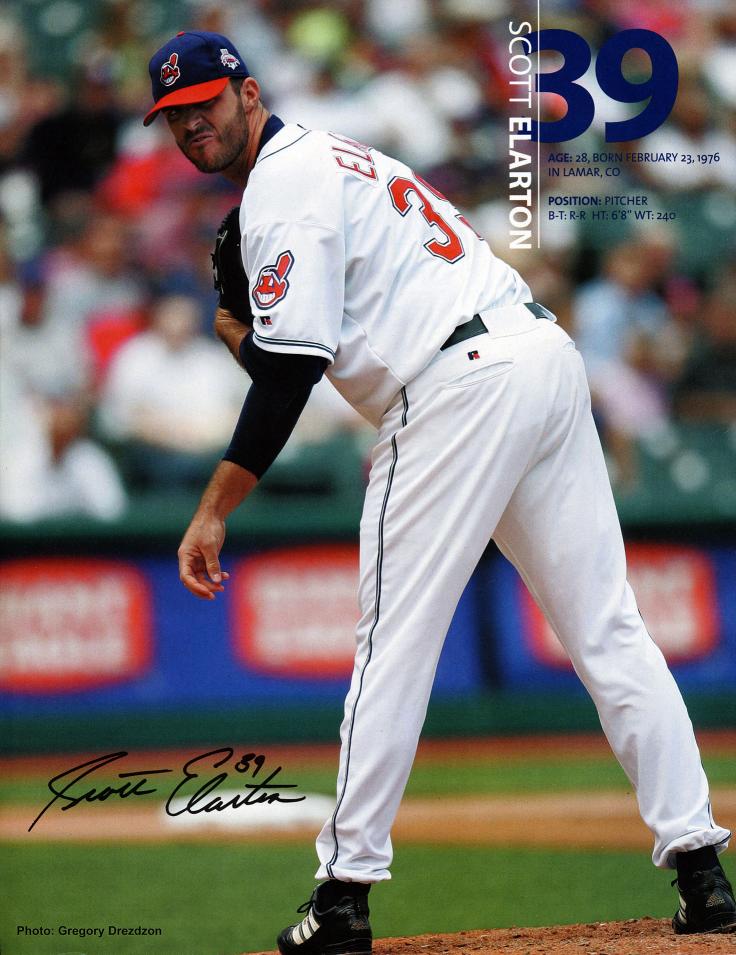
EW: (Laughs) I don't have a choice. That started my freshman year of college, and it's one of those things that's stuck. It doesn't bother me at all. I don't take it in the literal sense. ■

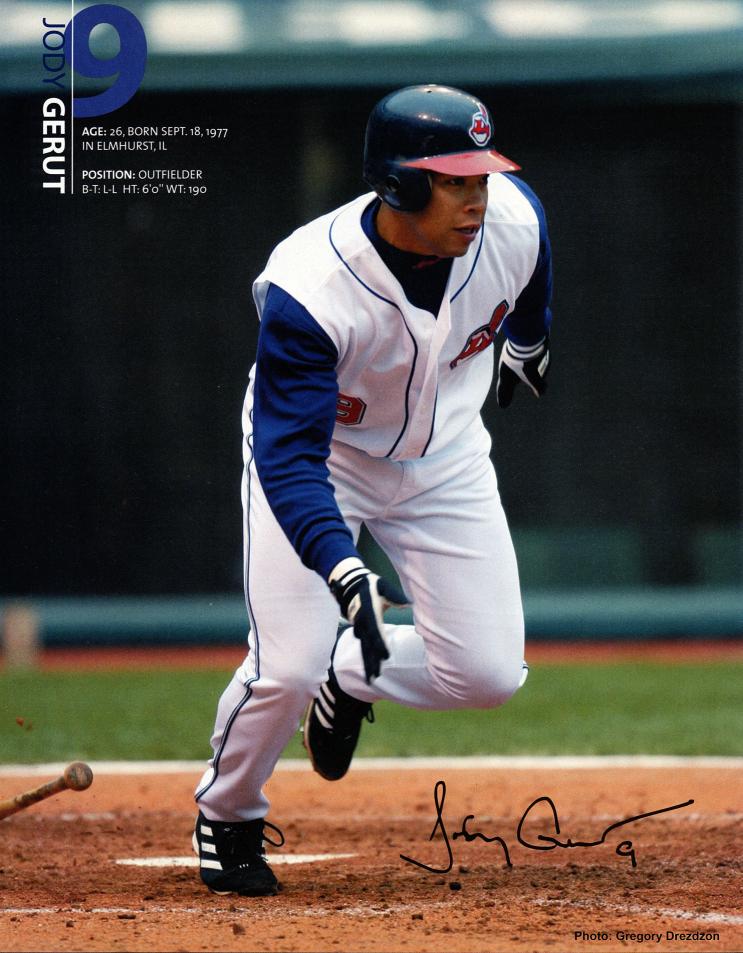
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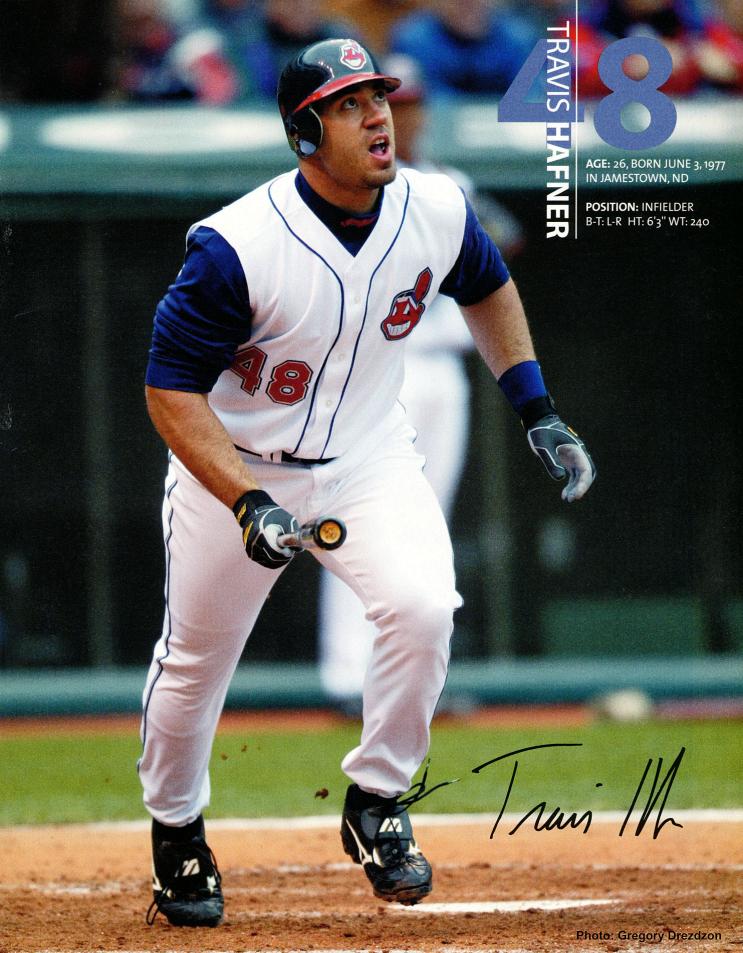




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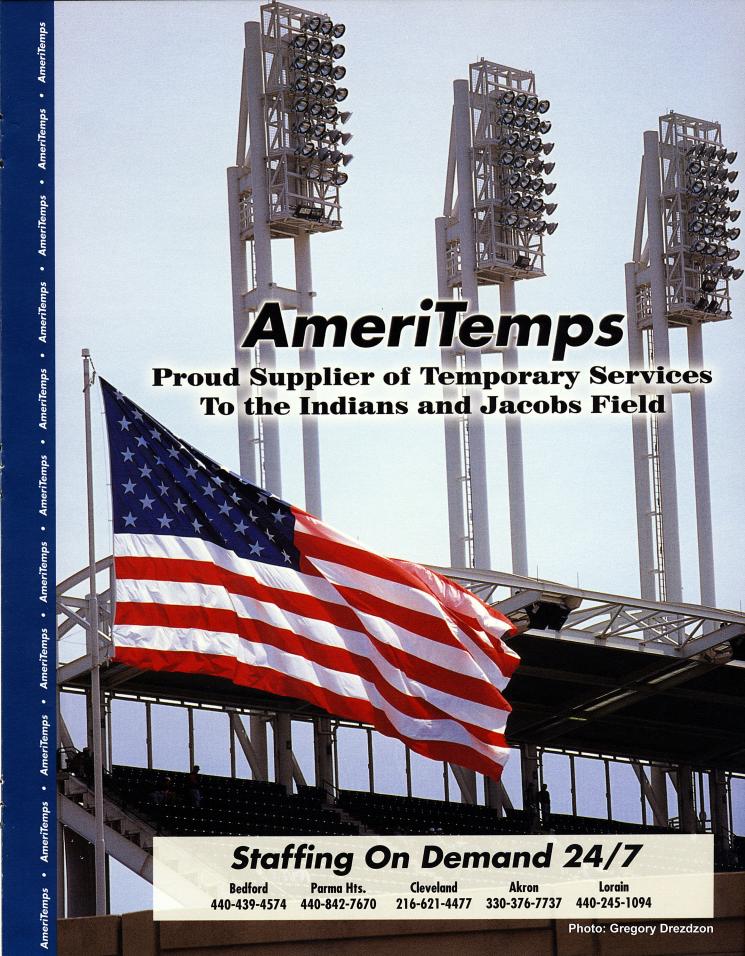
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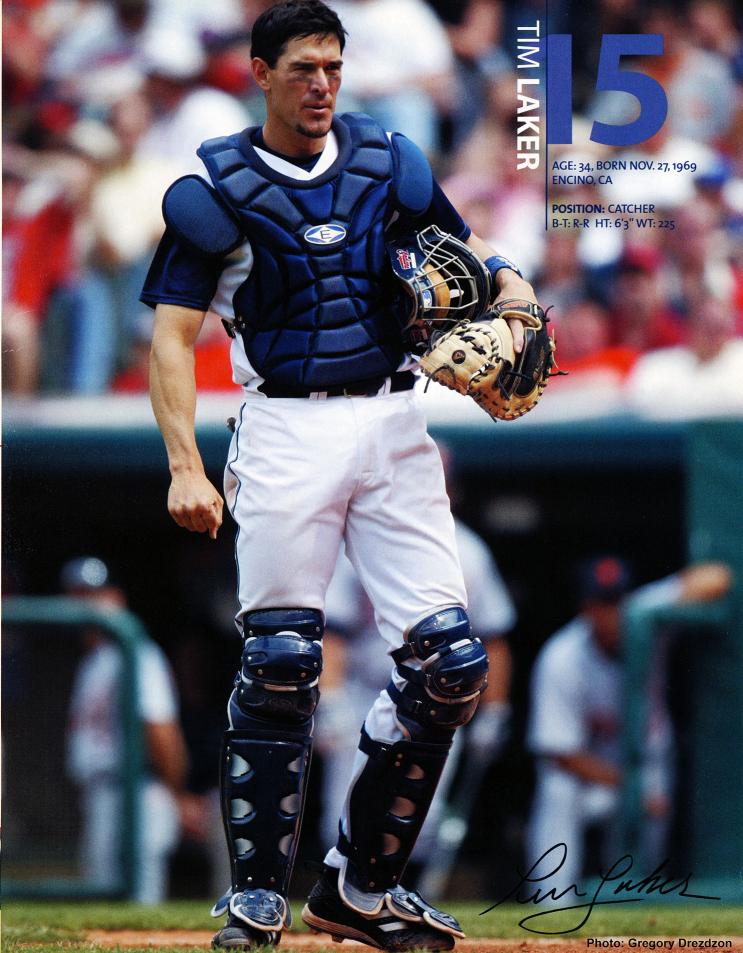
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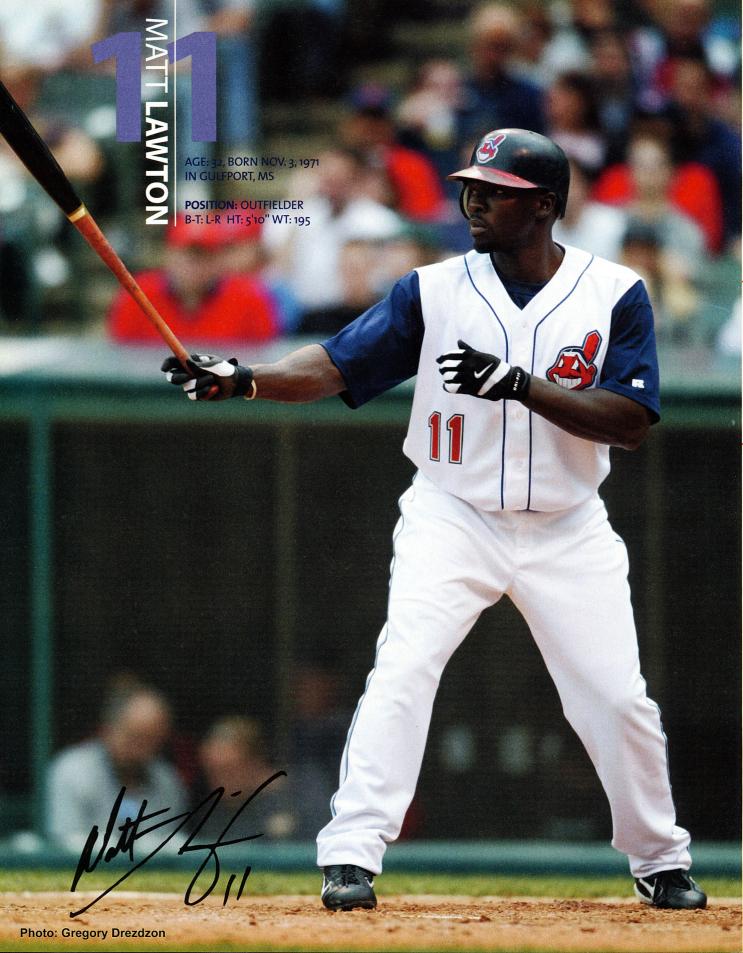
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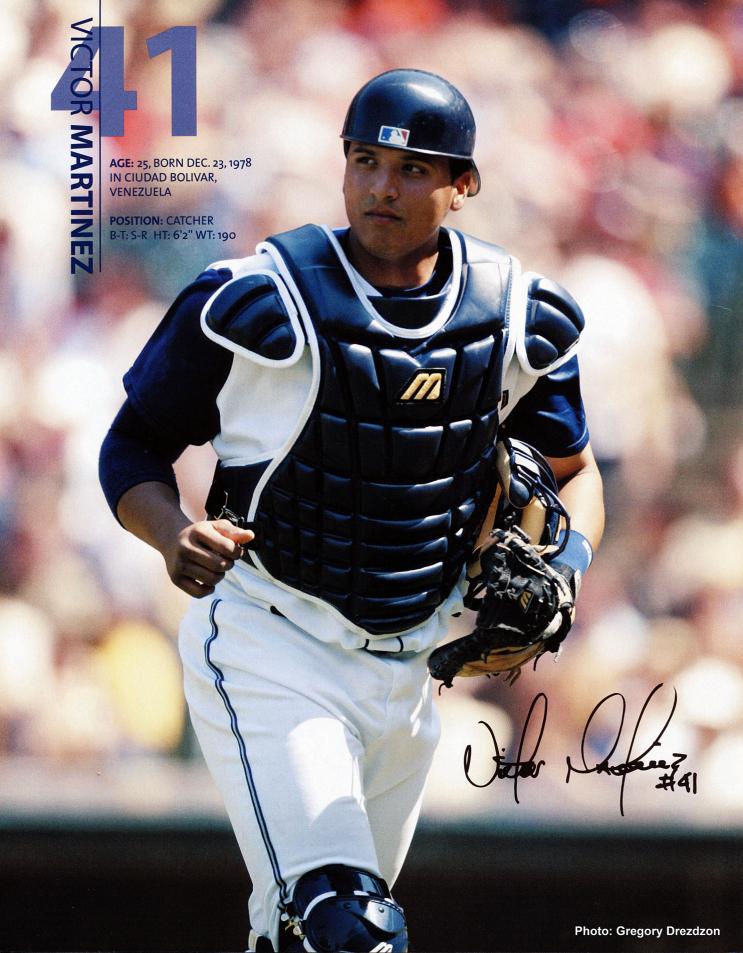
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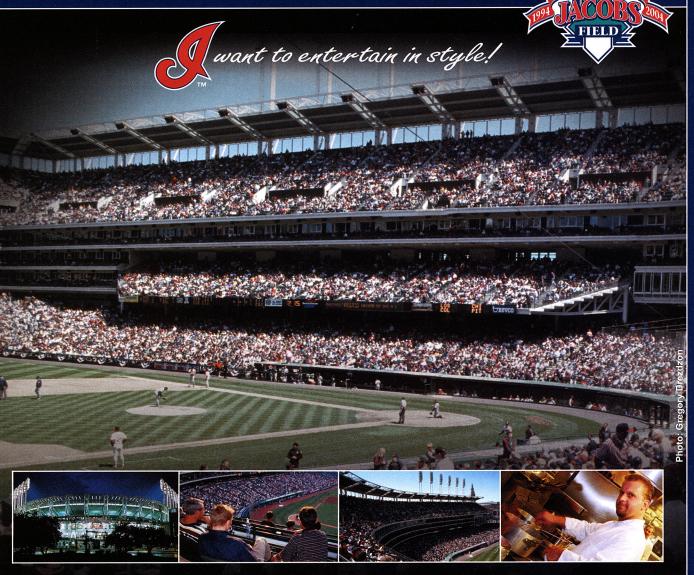
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Monday, August 30—This year's event is held in partnership with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. Participants spend the day golfing with Indians players, coaches, alumni and broadcasters at Quail Hollow. The event includes great gifts, prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktail dinner party, live auction and more. Individual registration or teams of five golfers are available.

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Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for youths 14 and under and senior citizens 60 and over. A group rate is available at 1:00 PM each day. Tour tickets are available at any Indians Team Shop, at the Jacobs Field Main Box Office, at any Northern Ohio OfficeMax, or at indians.com. (The group rate is only available at the Jacobs Field Main Box Office.)

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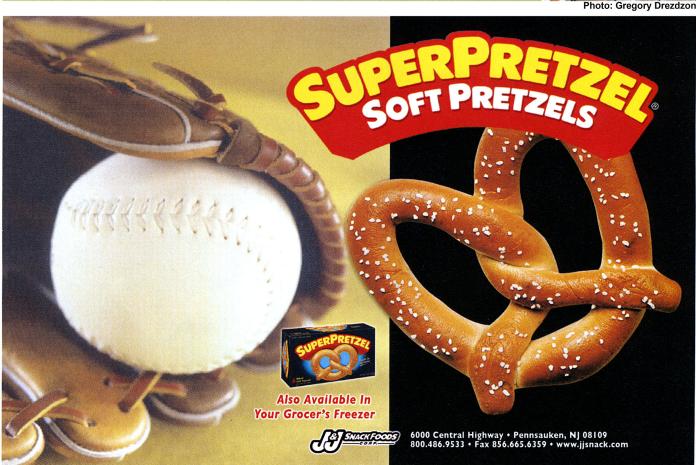
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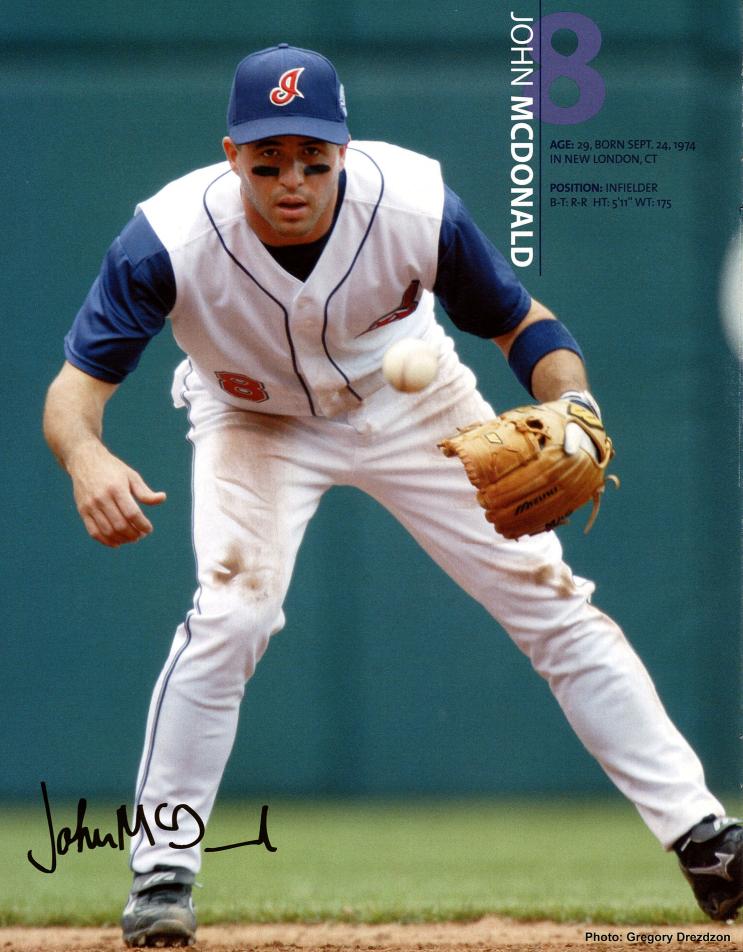


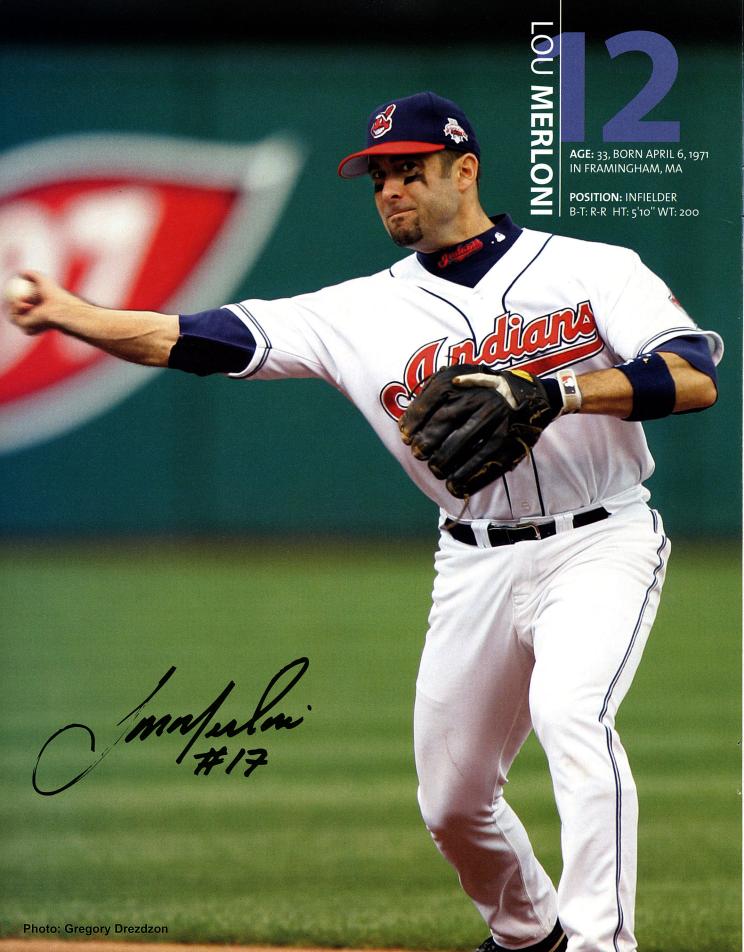
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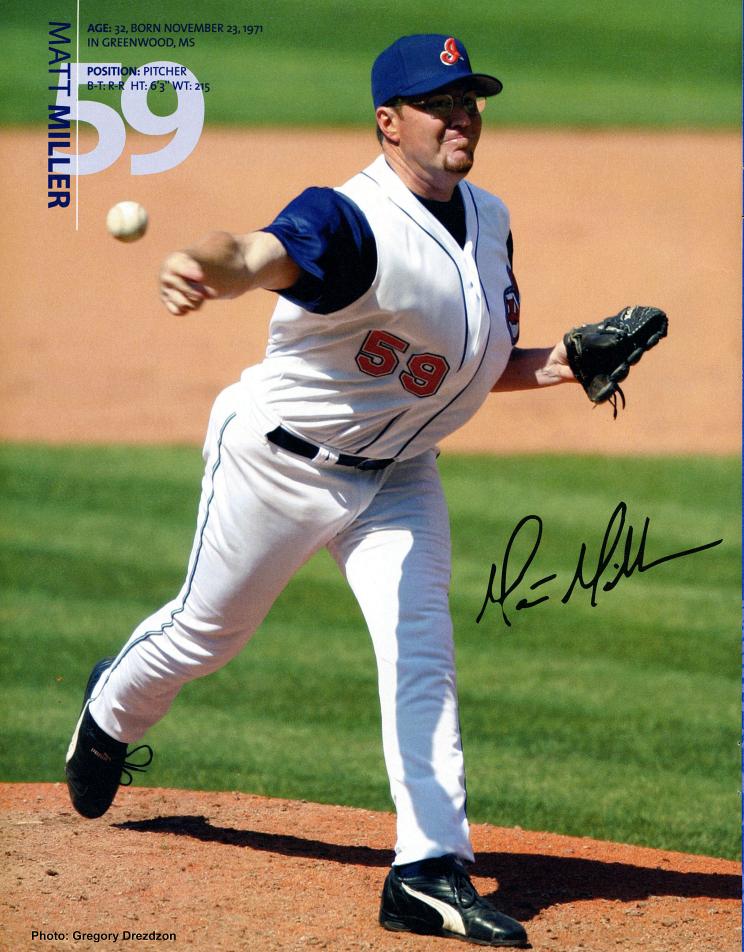
August 6-8—Batter up for the ninth annual Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge! This unique event offers teams of nine batters and three alternates the chance to step up to the plate at Jacobs Field in a hitting tournament. Registration includes practice time in the batting cages, your name on the scoreboard, commemorative gift, prizes each round, and more. The 2003 tournament winner was Pepsi, with Key in second place.



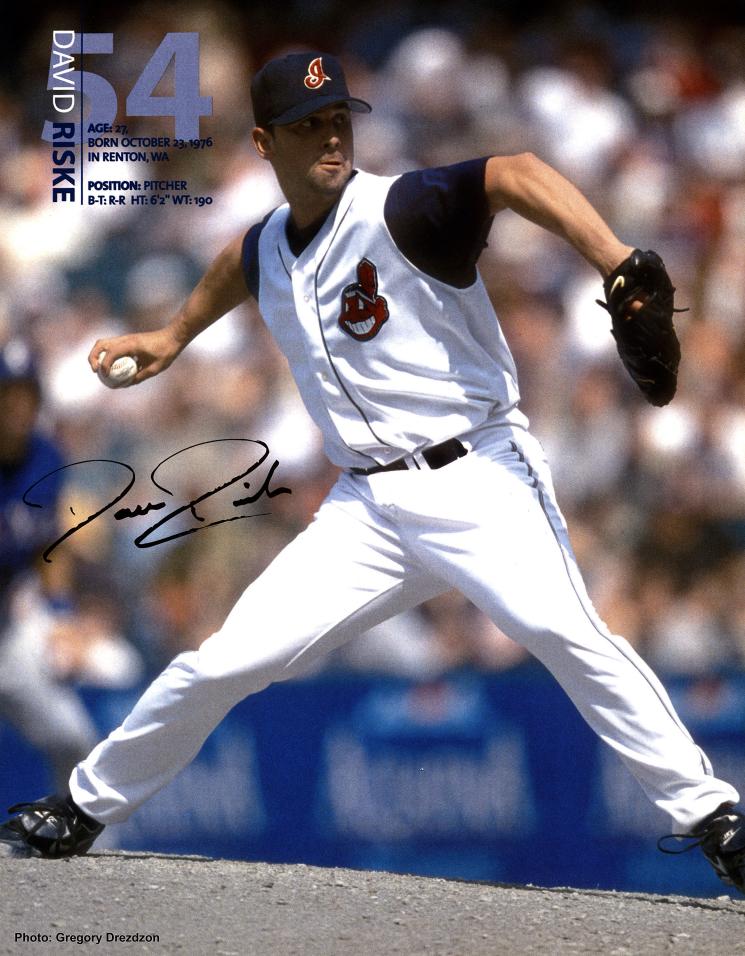








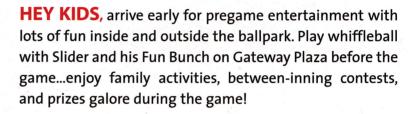




Every Sunday is

KIDS FUN DA





Every weekend we feature **Signature Sundays**...and they're a blast when kids are randomly selected at the gates for a "private autograph session" with Indians players and coaches.



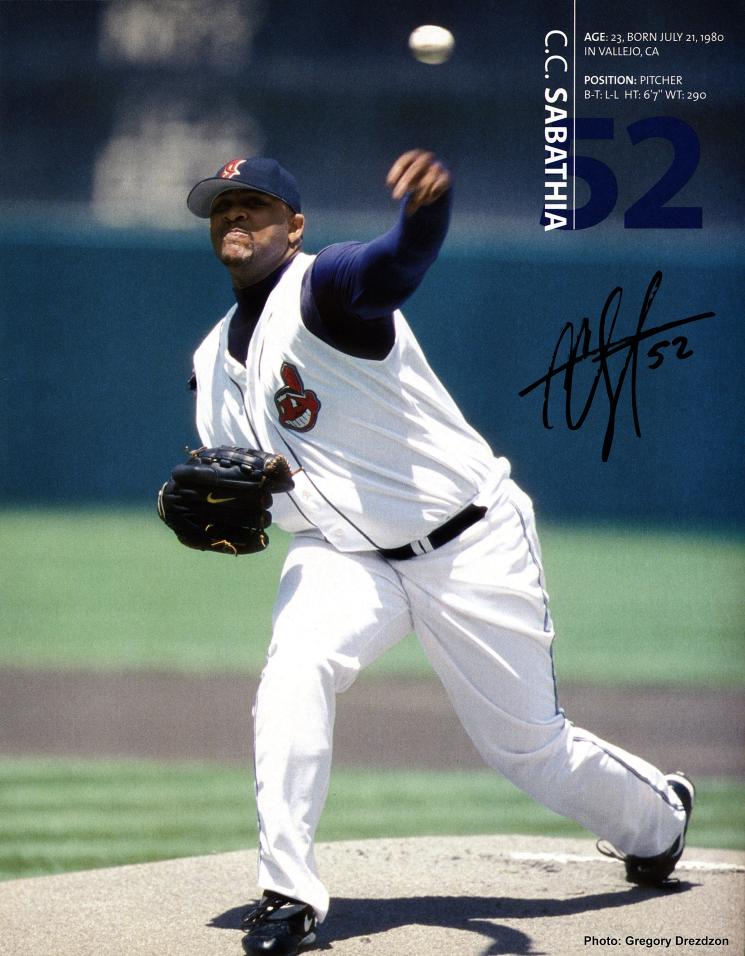
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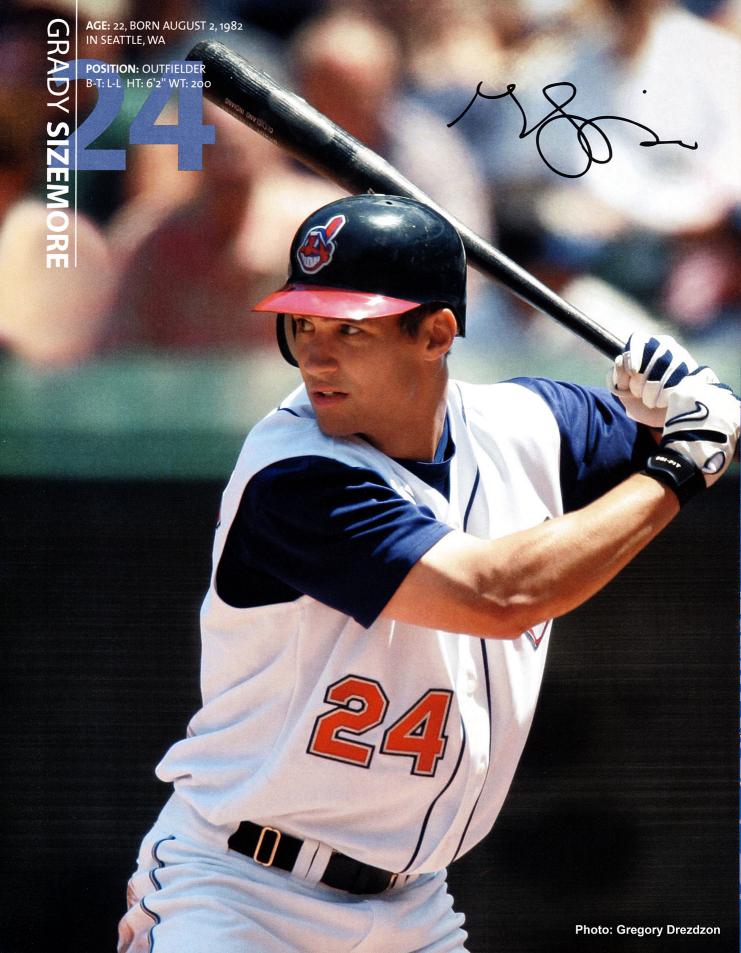
Every Sunday Kids Starting Lineup gets underway early as randomly selected kids are invited to "take the field at each position" prior to the Indians taking the field.

Kids Run The Bases on September 19 Families Run The Bases on September 26

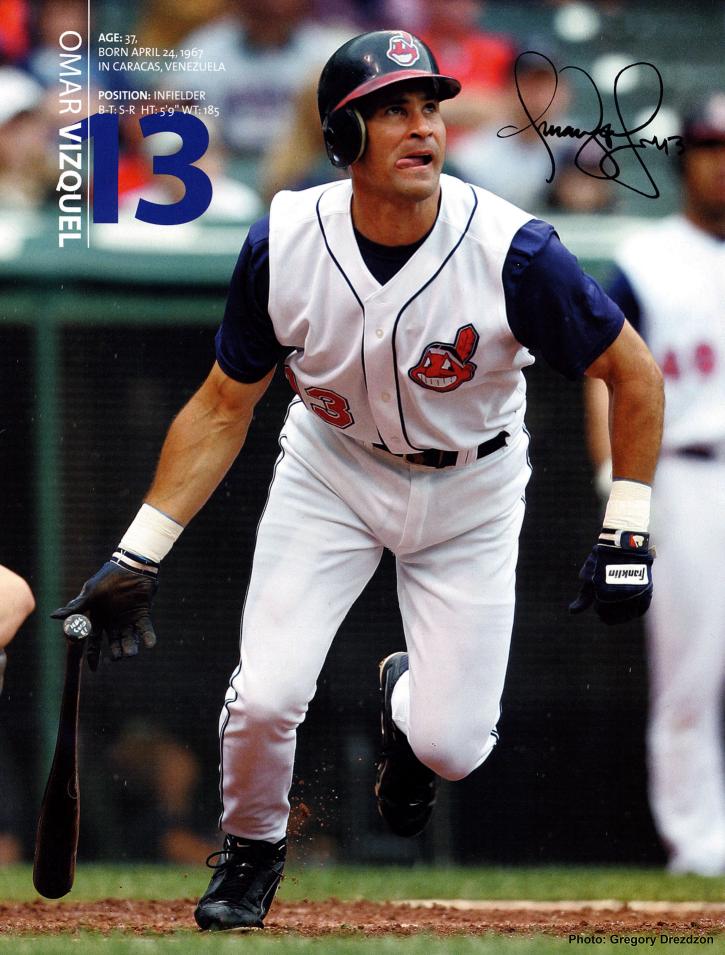
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AGE: 36, BORN DECEMBER 23, 1968 IN SPRINGFIELD, OH

POSITION: PITCHER

B-T: R-R HT: 6'4" WT: 230

WHITE

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